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WISE BAPTIST NEWS

A PUBLICATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
WISE BAPTIST CHURCH

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"Note" from Leigh

WOW! We had an awesome trip to the lake over the weekend with the youth group. The weather was perfect and we had plenty of food! Our theme for the weekend was centered around choosing friends. We examined the friendship of Jonathan and David to discover the characteristics of true friendship. We also talked about the importance of surrounding ourselves with friends that share our same values. On Sunday our discussion moved to our "friendship" with Jesus. We looked at the demonstration of unrestrained friendship and love of Mary when she poured oil on the feet of Jesus. When we recognize that Jesus is more than "911" - that He is a true friend—our lives will be changed. That's not just a lesson for young people; it's a lesson for all of us!

It was also great to be with Ray and Carolyn for the weekend. They both are doing very well. They enjoyed having the kids running around, laughing, playing, swimming, and eating! They took part in all of the activities. Ray and Cameron were able to squeeze in a couple of scooter rides! I would like to especially thank our chaperones—Cameron Curtis, Marybeth Adkins, and Becky Curtis for their leadership. I appreciate their willingness to give their time (a valuable commodity) to our youth!

Deacon Nominations

Our Deacon fellowship team gives great leadership to the Wise Baptist Church through prayer and service. The three year term for Phil Mullins, John Ponish, and Gary Smith will conclude at the end of August. Our membership needs to nominate three persons to replace those Deacons who are rotating off. Our active Deacons include: Ron Helton, Dan Helton, Mark Coomer, Mark Clark, Robert Means, and John Kennedy.

On Sunday, August 23, the church will be asked to nominate three people to serve as active Deacons. A form will be given out at the beginning of worship and then collected. A recommendation for three new Deacons will be made to the church at the annual business meeting on Wednesday, August 26.

Please begin praying now for those who will be called to serve and for those who are currently serving.

Business Meeting

The business meeting following worship yesterday went very well. The members overwhelmingly approved (nearly 94%) the recommendation of the search committee to call Dr. Bill Tatum as the Intentional Interim Pastor. Dr. Tatum will be in Wise and at work on September 1. The Search team would like to thank everyone for their patience and prayers. Let us all continue to pray for our church as we begin this Intentional Process with Dr. Tatum as our leader and Pastor.

Our annual business meeting will be held at 6:45 pm on Wednesday, August 26 to approve the 2009-10 budget as well as the slate of SS teachers, Deacons, and various committees.

Volunteer/Ministry Opportunity forms are still available (see page 5). Please take time to prayerfully consider where you will serve this year.

Attention Parents of Current K-2 students and upcoming kindergartners:

It's time again for our annual end of summer picnic for K-2 Sunday School class. We want to include all of our current students and their parents including rising 3rd graders and kindergartners. Parents, please let us know which Saturday in August works best for you via email at tracylwills@yahoo.com. We will set the date that works best for the majority.

For parents of upcoming kindergartners: Please provide the following information for your child: name, parents' names, mailing address, phone number, and child's birthday. I provide an annual Sunday School directory with this info for all the children in our class along with photographs. In addition, we ask that you prepare your child, for the entirely new experience of a new class with new teachers and new classmates.

Since we do not have an official promotions day, it is up to the parents and 3rd graders whether to go ahead and move up to the next class or to wait until Labor Day weekend.

John and Tracy Wills

Teachers, K-2nd Grade Class

UVA-WISE

Sunday, August 30 our church will host a lunch for the college students at UVA-Wise. An invitation will be given at the activities fair on Tuesday, August 18. Volunteers are needed to provide salad and desserts and to help with cleanup. The church will provide the entrée, bread and drinks. Please contact Leigh for more information.

ATTENTION MISSION TEAM:

If you took any pictures on the Roanoke mission trip, please put those on a disk or email to Leigh ASAP. We will give a report regarding our mission trip on Wednesday, August 26 following the business meeting. I would like to prepare a slide show and I need your pictures to make it happen! Thanks, Leigh

Wednesday Nights

It's time! Time for our weekly Wednesday dinner and Bible study to get under way for the year.

This Wednesday we are having Breakfast for Dinner. The children and youth will get going in their groups and the adults will get a preview of the upcoming small group options that they will have to choose from.

Dinner is served from 6-6:30 in the fellowship hall. At 6:45 we share prayer concerns and at 7, Bible study begins. The Sanctuary Choir rehearses at 7:50 (a nursery is provided during Bible study and choir rehearsal).

****We are always looking to add more people to the serving teams for Wednesday nights. The teams rotate from week to week providing desserts and serving the meal. Please consider being part of a serving team this year.**

We are looking forward to an exciting new season in our Wednesday night programming. **Won't you plan to join us?**

Mark Your Calendars!



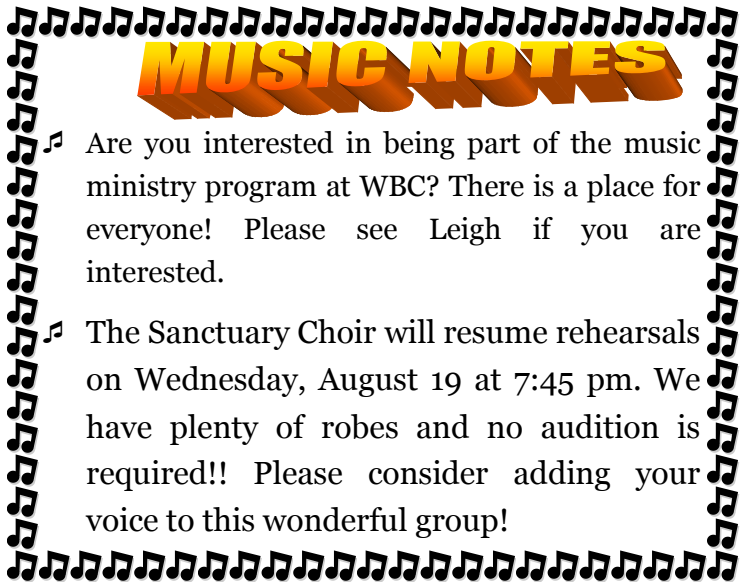
There will be a "drop-in" baby shower from 2-4 pm for Shawn and Sarah Lane on Saturday, August 29 in the fellowship hall. Sarah is the daughter of Sharon and Donnie Bradley. The couple is registered at Babies R Us. Everyone is invited and we hope to see you there!

Camp Bethel Ministries: Men's Golf Retreat

Camp Bethel Ministries will be hosting a Men's Golf Retreat in the Tri-Cities September 18-20. It will include 45 holes of golf and an optional canoe/kayak trip following golf on Saturday. Space is limited to the first 20. Various cost options are available: Friday-Sunday \$150. Saturday and Sunday only \$125. Friday and Saturday only \$85. More detailed information to follow in upcoming newsletters. Contact Eric Klinger for more information or to register at (276) 328-6876 or eric.klinger87@gmail.com



Darrell Fletcher will lead us in worship during the month of August.



MUSIC NOTES

Are you interested in being part of the music ministry program at WBC? There is a place for everyone! Please see Leigh if you are interested.

The Sanctuary Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 19 at 7:45 pm. We have plenty of robes and no audition is required!! Please consider adding your voice to this wonderful group!

Youth News

Youth will resume their Wednesday night Bible study on August 19 and their Sunday activities on August 23. Dinner will be provided by Margie Horton. I will get a dinner schedule for the fall ready.

Doe River Gorge

For the past several years we have taken a group to Day Quest at Doe River Gorge. This is a great way to enjoy a day with your family and friends. The cost is \$16 per person (under 7—free) which includes all the activities at Doe River—the triple zip line, the blob, the train rides and much more. Please let Leigh know if you are interested in going this year so that we can plan transportation. Visit doerivergorge.com for more info.



Lost and Found

Did you know that Wise Baptist Church has a lost and found? We have several “lost items” including Bibles and clothing. If you have lost anything, please stop by or call Emily in the church office. Also if you find an item, please bring it to the secretary’s office so it can be easily “found” by its owner.

As you pray, please remember...

Kathy Osborne, Rita Isaac, Iloe Stallard, Rick Johnson, Eileen Cantrell, Jill Mullins, Braxton Cyphers, Bill Ringley, Sharon Kilgore, Glenn Hill and family, Ray and Carolyn Jones, All of the cancer patients in our area Our men and women in the military

Please honor this special request:

Please keep the family of Gina Chisenhall in your prayers. Our hearts reach out with sympathy to the Chisenhall's at the loss of Don Pennell who was married to Gina's mother, Teresa.

Birthdays

- 18 Kim Hall
- 19 Hardon Kennedy, Rose Kennedy, and Harold Kennedy
- 20 Teresa Adkins and Cindy Elkins
- 21 Betty Roberts, Suzanne Baird, and Sutton Polly
- 22 Alex Hall
- 23 Gina Chisenhall, Jeff Sturgill, Jenelle Horne, and Tracy Wills
- 24 Jerry Baird
- 25 Brenda Lee and Rita Longworth

Anniversaries

- 21 Scott & Beth Snodgrass

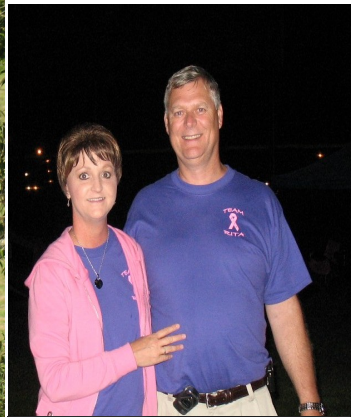
Thought for the Week

Realize that every material thing you have isn't owned but loaned to you from God.

-Unknown

Relay for Life News

This year's Wise Baptist Team really touched our lives with the amount raised, walkers, supporters and "dimes" wow what a total of \$4,763.11! The special award goes to Sam Wharton for his laps for others who have cancer and who continue to fight the battle - he walked 40 laps Friday evening. As most of you know our Rita Isaac was side by side with Margie and we love her for her special part in this year's Relay. Thanks to Becky Curtis (our tent decorator), Gary Smith, Vicky Swindell, Bev Viers, Erra Sutherland, Pat Adkins, Melissa Blackburn, Steve Horton, Christina Meade for their parts in making Relay a success for Wise Baptist Church. We were dry because of tent provided by Butch and Donna Hutchinson and we received the "Fair Weather Duck Award" during closing ceremony Saturday morning. We also appreciate the ladies who donated the Longaberger products - the winners of these items are Pat Mullins, Bill and Erra Sutherland and LeeAnn Adkins. No matter your part as Wise Baptist Church partner, we appreciate all you've done. Enjoy the pictures from Relay.



Ministry Opportunities 2009-10

All of us have gifts. Some are gifted teachers; some are gifted organizers or decorators; some are gifted to work with children; others with adults. Some are gifted in music or drama or video/audio. Whatever your gift, we want to put it to good use in the ministries of Wise Baptist Church. Please prayerfully consider where you will serve. Then, fill out this sheet and **return to the church by August 23**. A list will be compiled and available at the Annual business meeting on Wednesday, August 26. If you have any questions about what a particular task involves, please call Leigh or Susie Clasby. If you are already serving in a specific area, you will continue to serve there unless you let us know otherwise.

COMMITTEES:

- Finance Committee
- Building Committee (improvements, maintenance)
- Fellowship Committee (planning for receptions, picnic, showers)
- Missions/Outreach Committee (i.e. Operation Christmas Child, Lottie Moon, Relay for Life, Cancer Center)
- Personnel Committee
- Worship Committee (help plan special worship services, events, and Wednesday programming)

SPECIFIC TASKS:

- Seasonal Sanctuary Decorations and Paraments
- Baptism Preparation
- Lord's Supper Preparation
- Bereavement Ministry (arranging food, flowers, etc. for death in family or serious illness)

ANNUAL POSITIONS:

- Children's Church Coordinator (arranges the schedule of teachers and coordinates materials/supplies)
- Church Clerk
- Recording Secretary
- Financial Secretary
- Teller
- Treasurer
- Moderator for Business Meetings
- VBS Director
- Sunday School Director
- Sunday School Clerk
- Youth leader (Sunday nights, retreats, lock-ins, special events)

ROTATING POSITIONS: (A list will be compiled and distributed to all who volunteer for these positions)

- Greeters for Sunday School (greet everyone as they arrive for SS, help visitors get to a class)
- Sound system operator (during worship and for special events/services)
- Children's church teacher (during worship)
- Nursery worker (during worship)
- Serving Team for Wednesday meal (provide desserts and help serve the meal)

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

- Nursery K-2 Grades 3-4 Grades 5-6 Junior Youth Senior Youth
- College
- Substitute teacher as needed for children/youth classes Adult

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TEACHERS:

- Nursery K-3 Grades 4-6 Junior youth Senior Youth Adult small group leader

NAME _____ Email _____

Please feel free to let us know if there are other ways/areas in which you would like to serve that may not be listed.

VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Deacons On Call	08/17	Dan Helton, Mark Clark
Building Stewards		Ron, Dan
Instrumentalists		Susan, Susan, Gigi
Nursery	08/23	Kim & Chris; Natasha and Pat Adkins
	08/30	Holly & Morgan; Kathy & girls
Children's church	08/23	Cindy Elkins
	08/30	Lori and James
PA	08/23	Kevin, Wayne
	08/30	Kevin, Wayne
Serving Team	08/19	Carolyn J., Kim C., Kathy H., Martha
	Menu:	Breakfast for Dinner

A Place for Faith and Fellowship
with Family & Friends



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
	Worship	11:00 a.m.
	Youth	6-8 pm
	TRUTH	8:15 pm
Monday	Piecemakers (1st & 3rd Mondays)	9:30 a.m.
	Caring Friends (2nd & 4th Mondays)	9:00 am
	First Place	Noon
	Children's choirs	3:45-5 pm
Tuesday	Senior Adults	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bible study	6:45 pm
	Choir rehearsal	7:45 pm
Thursday	Women On Mission	11:30 a.m.

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Wednesday night activities resume this week!